

BUILTH WELLS RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

1942.



Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1942. This report is prepared on the lines indicated in Circular 2605 (Wales) and is again therefore very restricted. The opportunity is taken, however, of dealing briefly with subjects in which the public have shown special interest during the year.

Infectious Disease.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified to me during the year.

Scarlet Fever.....	4 cases.
Whooping Cough.....	6 cases.
Measles.....	1 case.
Acute Pneumonia.....	1 case.
Diphtheria.....	1 case.

Of the above cases only one was removed to an isolation hospital and that was the case of diphtheria which was removed to Hay. As will be seen the district was free of any severe outbreak of infectious disease.

Isolation Hospital Accommodation.

Towards the end of the year some effort was made to secure isolation hospital accommodation but, by the end of the year, no definite arrangements had been made. This is far from being satisfactory and it is to be hoped that every effort will be made during 1943 to secure these very necessary hospital beds.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year under review monthly clinics were commenced for the purpose of immunising children against diphtheria. The response has been satisfactory and as a result a recent survey showed that 34% of the school children had been immunised. The response in the under five year group has also been good and it is to be hoped that the response will continue to remain satisfactory so that the present high immunising rate may be maintained.

Scabies. A few cases of scabies came to my notice during the year.

The cases occurring in evacuees were admitted to the Sick Bay at Sennybridge while the non-evacuee cases were dealt with by the County Health Visitor.

Tuberculosis.

The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in the district.

Number of cases on register at commencement of the year.....	9.
Number of fresh cases notified during the year.....	2.
Number of cases left the district.....	1.
Tuberculosis deaths.....	0.
Number of cases remaining on register at end of year.....	10.

Notifications in recent years. 1939...2, 1940...1, 1941...1, 1942...2.

Venereal Disease.

Cases of venereal disease are treated by the County Council.

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No exceptional administrative measure was recommended by me during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
T.C.R. GEORGE.
Medical Officer of Health.